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Anticipated Floor Action:

H.R. 1555—FY 2000 Intelligence Reauthorization Act



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Floor Situation: The House will consider H.R. 1555 as its first order of business today. Yesterday, the Rules Committee granted a modified open rule that provides one hour of general debate, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Intelligence Committee. It makes a committee substitute amendment as base text and waives points of order against it. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the *Congressional Record*. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone votes and reduce the voting time on a postponed vote to five minutes, so long as it follows a regular 15-minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

Summary: H.R. 1555 authorizes appropriations for the intelligence activities of 11 federal agencies including the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the National Security Agency (NSA), the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The funding levels and personnel ceilings for most programs are outlined in a classified annex to the committee report, which members may view at the Select Committee on Intelligence in H-405 in the Capitol. CBO estimates that enactment of the unclassified position of the bill will result in \$194 million in federal spending. The unclassified portion of the bill does not affect direct spending, so pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. The Select Committee on Intelligence ordered H.R. 1555 reported by a vote of 14-0 on April 28, 1999.

Views: The Republican Leadership supports passage of the measure. An official Clinton Administration viewpoint was unavailable at press time.

Amendments: The *Legislative Digest* was aware of the following amendments to H.R. 1555 at press time:

Mr. Barr may offer an amendment (#2) to require the Attorney General and the heads of the CIA and the National Security Agency to submit to Congress a classified and unclassified report describing the legal standards employed by the intelligence community when conducting signals intelligence activities including electronic surveillance. *Staff Contact: Jonathan Blyth, x5-2931*

Mr. Engel may offer an amendment (#3) to require the director of the CIA to report to Congress (in both classified and unclassified versions) on the organized resistance of the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA). The report must describe: (1) the history of the KLA; (2) the number of KLA field forces and the number of trainees; (3) the number and types of weapons employed by the KLA and the proficiency of their use; (4) the number of weapons needed to substantially improve military operations; (5) the percentage of KLA funding raised through narcotics trafficking; (6) a description of any KLA terrorist activities; (7) the number of KLA civilian killings; and (8) various political views of its leadership. *Contact: x5-2464*

Mr. Hinchey may offer an amendment (#4) to require the director of the CIA to report to Congress on all activities of officers, covert agents, and employees of intelligence agencies with respect to the assassination of president Allende in Chile in 1973, the accession of General Pinochet to the presidency, and violations of human rights by officers or agents of President Pinochet. *Contact: x5-6335*

Mr. Ryun may offer an amendment (#5) to establish a counterintelligence program at each of the Department of Energy's national laboratories. The amendment establishes a one-year moratorium on foreign visitors from certain sensitive countries, which may be waived by the secretary on a case-by-case basis for individuals deemed necessary for the national security of the U.S.; any waivers granted must be reported to Congress within five-days. The director of the department's counterintelligence program must investigate past security breaches at national labs. The amendment requires that all foreign citizens must undergo a security background check before being allowed to enter a national lab. Finally, the Energy Secretary must report to Congress on the status of the counterintelligence activities within six months of enactment. *Staff Contact: Michael Khatchadurian, x5-6601*

- * **Mr. Thornberry and Mr. Weldon (PA)** may offer a secondary amendment (#12) to the Ryan amendment to terminate the moratorium when the Secretary of Energy (after consultation with the Director of the FBI) certifies to Congress that: (1) a fully functioning counterintelligence program has been implemented and is operating at each national lab; (2) all personnel of the Department of Energy with access to classified information have been trained in appropriate security measures, including secure computer operations; and (3) the Energy Secretary has established a system to promptly address any suspected compromise of classified information. Finally, if any time after enactment, the Energy Secretary determines that proper counterintelligence safeguards are not in place, or that foreign visitors impede counterintelligence programs at the labs, the secretary will bar all foreign visits. The amendment also requires the director of the department's counterintelligence program to report to Congress each month on foreign visitors to the national labs, describing the nature of their visits and whether a background check was conducted on each visitor. *Staff Contact: Clay Sell, x5-3706*

Mr. Sanders may offer an amendment (#8) to mandate that the FY 2000 intelligence authorization may not exceed the FY 1999 authorization (not including amounts appropriated for the CIA's retirement and disability fund). Additionally, the Director of the CIA must submit to Congress an unclassified report on its errors involving: (1) the March 1991 bombing of the weapons and nerve gas storage bunker in Khamisiyah, Iraq; (2) maps of the Aviano, Italy, area which may have resulted in the February 3, 1998, severing of a cable car by an American pilot; and (3) maps relating to the recent bombing on the Chinese embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. **Staff Contact: Toby Bloch, x5-4115**

Mr. Sweeney may offer an amendment (#10) to establish minimum mandatory penalties for the willful identification of a current or former United States intelligence agent. Currently, no statutory protection exists to prohibit the identification of former or retired intelligence agents. **Staff Contact: Mike Power, x5-5614**

Mrs. Waters may offer an amendment (#13) to prohibit the CIA and other intelligence agencies and their employees and agents from participating in drug trafficking. The amendment also requires employees of the CIA and other intelligence agencies to report known or suspected drug trafficking activities to the appropriate authorities. **Contact: x5-2201**

Additional Information: See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXVIII, #13, Pt. II, May 10, 1999.



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